Shortage of anti-rabies vaccine in the country

1187. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state-.

(a) whether Government are awar$_e$ of the shortage of anti-rabies vaccine in the country; if so, the extent of yearly shortage;

(b) what are the reasons for the shortage of anti.rabies vaccine in the country;

(c) how many cases, on ^{an} average, of rabies are reported an nually and what is the percentage of deaths due to rabies/dog bites; and

(d) what steps have been taken by the Government to meet the shortage of anti-rabie$_s$ vaccine in the country?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (W Some shortage of Anti-rabie$_s$ vaccine was reported recently because of the non-av^ailability of essential Ichemi-cals. strikes of state Government employees $_e$tC

(c) On an average 80—90 thousand cases of dog bite are reporting for treatment annually in the country, out of which 600-700 rabies deaths ar$_e$ reported.

(d) Production of anti-rabies vaccine has since improved.

Mishap in Vayudoot flights

1188. SHRi T. R. BALU:
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION b$_e$ pleased t$_0$ state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which aDpeared in the Hindu dated 13th March, 1987 captioned "Vayudoot defective engines or faulty take off";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government therefor;

(c) how many mishaps occurred in. Vayudoot flights during the last three years indicating the reasons for each mishap separately; and

(d) what steps have been taken to ensur$_e$ air safety for passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is seized of the problem of engin$_e$ failures installed on the Dornier aircraft i$_n$ the fleet of Vayudoot and is taking necessary corrective steps in this behalf.

(c) and (d) Ther$_e$ have bee$_n$ no major mishaps in Vayudoot flight in. volving loss of life o$_r$ major damago to the aircraft other than the isolated incident at Rajahmundry o$_n$ 17.7.85 when on$_e$ of the Traffic Handling Staff inadvertently walked into the running propeller and succumbed to injuries. I$_n$ addition, ther$_e$ have been incidents of emergency window flying off on the Dornier aircraft VT-EJF while operating scheduled flight PF-722 on 24-3-87 and the main door of the same aircraft having opened in mid-air on 30-3-87 during
scheduled flight PF-102 from Ludhiana to Delhi. With a view to preventing incidents of door opening in the Dornier flights, commanders hav$_e$ been instructed to physically check the door for proper closing and locking before starting the engine. In addition, $_a$ technician is also being carried on aU flights. The -ntir$_e$ fleet of Dornier aircraft have also been subjected to a detailed check to ensure proper functioning of th$_e$ door locking mechanism.